

## District of Elkford

### Official Community Plan (OCP) and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) Update

This fall the planning group has been looking into the issues and priorities that the people in Elkford have told us are important to them. We've spoken to people in person, at their houses (sometimes over coffee or tea at the kitchen table), at the mall, and at community events. October saw a flurry of public outreach activity in Elkford. We hosted 6 Kitchen Table Meetings in the homes and offices of Elkford residents. These meetings were an invaluable experience for the OCP/CCAS consulting team to understand the issues in Elkford and the future hopes of your community. We also hosted a community open house and workshop at the Mountain Meadows Golf Course that was very well attended (and the rib dinner was great too!!). We met a lot of people who are actively engaged in the well-being of Elkford, and gathered a wealth of information that will inform the overall direction of the OCP and Climate Change Action.

We've heard the issues, looked at some of the things that are important to Elkford folks and developed a set of draft guiding principles for the OCP (for an explanation of what an OCP is and plenty more information, please go to [www.elkford.sgas.bc.ca](http://www.elkford.sgas.bc.ca)). The guiding principles will act as the foundation for all of our work on official community planning and climate change action (including adapting to the effects of climate change, and mitigating the causes of it as well).

Our next step is to complete and publish a comprehensive Background Report for the OCP and CCAS. Keep an eye out for the Background Report. You will see a notice about it when it is complete.

We will be starting some computer generated scenarios for land use planning between now and the Holidays. In preparation for that we will be gathering information about the District that will feed into the computer analysis. In January we will be hosting another community event to determine your preferences for where and how development should take place. There will be lots more information about this between now and the Holidays as well.

On the climate change side, the team has been digging into the research to find out more about the impacts of climate change on local water resources, ecosystems, pests, fire and snow. The results of our early findings were presented at the **Community Open House** in Elkford at the end of October, where we were able to collect additional valuable information and knowledge from community members. Thanks to the excellent input from people we're now able to focus in on the highest priorities for the community in dealing with climate change.

We look forward to meeting more of the very friendly, informed, and engaged residents of Elkford at our next round of meetings in January.